

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON
AT SEATTLE

INTEGRATIVE HEALTH INSTITUTE
PLLC, *et al.*,

Plaintiffs,

v.

CHRISTINE SCHAFFNER, *et al.*,

Defendants.

Case No. C20-1471-RAJ-MLP

ORDER

Currently pending before the Court is Plaintiffs' "Motion to File an Over-Length Reply Brief in Support of Plaintiffs' Motion to Compel Discovery" ("Plaintiffs' Motion"). (Dkt. # 103.) Plaintiffs' Motion requests that the Court grant leave to file a single reply brief in support of their pending motion to compel discovery, with ten (10) additional pages authorized, for a total of sixteen (16) pages. (*Id.* at 1-2.) In the alternative, Plaintiffs request leave to file four separate reply briefs, one for each Defendant in their motion to compel discovery, specifically: (1) Christine Schaffner; (2) Daniel Schaffner; (3) Bella Fiore Klinik, PLLC; and (4) Lumvi Skincare, LLC. (*Id.*) Plaintiffs argue that leave is warranted due to Plaintiffs' previous withdrawal and re-noting of their motion to compel discovery to comply with the page limit

1 requirements of Local Civil Rule 7(e)(4), the presence of multiple defendants, and the
2 complexity of issues in this case. (*Id.*)

3 Pursuant to Local Civil Rule 7(f), motions seeking approval to file an over-length brief
4 are disfavored. Here, Defendants' brief in opposition to Plaintiffs' motion to compel discovery
5 has not yet been filed and is not due until December 13, 2021. Though Defendants' brief has not
6 yet been filed, Defendants' brief in opposition is currently limited to 12 pages. *See* LCR 7(e)(4).
7 Local Civil Rule 7(f)(4) does not permit this Court to authorize a reply brief in excess of the brief
8 filed in opposition. *See* LCR 7(f)(4) ("In all cases, the reply brief shall not exceed one-half the
9 total length of the brief filed in opposition.").

10 Accordingly, having reviewed Plaintiffs' Motion, the Court hereby ORDERS:

11 (1) Plaintiffs' Motion (dkt. # 103) is DENIED.

12 (2) The Clerk is directed to send copies of this Order to the parties and to the
13 Honorable Richard A. Jones.

14 Dated this 1st day of December, 2021.

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16 MICHELLE L. PETERSON
17 United States Magistrate Judge
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